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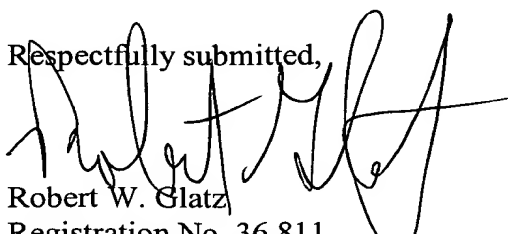
- Applicant appreciates the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Final Action. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 4-9, 12-18, 23, 24, 27-33 and 37-48. The remaining claims stand rejected as anticipated or obvious over various references cited in this action and the previous action. To expedite issuance of the present application and without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a continuation application directed to the canceled subject matter, the above amendments place this case in form for allowance to expedite issuance of the present application as a patent. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the present rejections should be withdrawn as obviated.

In particular, rejected Claims 1-3, 19-22 and 34-36 have been canceled. In addition, the dependency of Claims 10-11 and 25-26 has been amended in light of the cancellations of Claims 3 and 19, from which they previously depended. Thus, Claims 10-11 and 25-26 now depend from allowed claims and are patentable at least based on their dependence from an allowable independent claim. Accordingly, all the rejections in this matter have been obviated by the amendments above.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that, for the reasons discussed above, the present amendment merely places this case in form for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment after final, allowance of all the pending claims and passing this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

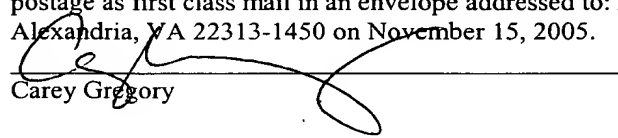

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